

Wisconsin Conservation Congress

AD HOC RANGE COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes



ORDER OF BUSINESS	December 14, 2015	7:30 P.M.	Teleconference
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY	Ed Choinski Chairman at 7:32 P.M.
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Al House, Jack Christenson, Ed Choinski, Bob Ellington, Jim Kirchner, Larry Osegard, Harold Drake, Brad Martinson, Richard Swenson, Charlie Brown, Keith Warnke W.D.N.R., Mike Foy W.D.N.R, Eric Lober W.D.N.R Rob Bowman W.C.C. Chair
EXCUSED	D11 Scott Gunderson
UNEXCUSED	
GUESTS	Michael Moore

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	The agenda was approved as written with no requested revision.
ACTION	Motion by Al House to approve, 2 nd by Charlie Brown. Motion passed on a voice vote.

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	The mission statement was read by Committee Chairman Ed Choinski. There were no requested changes by committee members.
ACTION	Motion to accept current mission statement by Charlie Brown, 2 nd by Al House. Motion carried on a voice vote.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	No public comments were given.
ACTION	

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. (RESOLUTION 54-04-15) UNCONTROLLED TARGET SHOOTING ON D.N.R. LANDS IN ROCK COUNTY

MICHAEL MOORE

DISCUSSION	The resolution was read aloud by Committee Chair Ed Choinski. Michael Moore, the author of the resolution was recognized, and given an opportunity to explain the reasons behind his resolution. He explained that there has been an ongoing problem of random shooting on D.N.R. owned property in Rock County. Stray bullets, litter left on properties, shooting of signs and trees. As town of Avon Chairman he has received numerous complaints from residents. Due to a lack local or county ordinance there is little the county sheriff or D.N.R. staff can do unless individuals are caught in the act. Discussion on resolution by Kirchner, Brown, Christiansen, Osegard, Ellington, Warnke, Lober. Discussion items: 1) Changes to NR45 master plan for Rock County 2) Lack of public ranges. 3) Identification of possible range sites in Rock County. 4) Development of committee for site selection. 5) Increased signage at affected properties.
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	6)Adaption of local/county ordinances to help with enforcement issues
ACTION	A motion to advance the resolution was made by Brown, 2nd by Osegard, Roll call vote showed 5 in favor 4 opposed. The chairman cast a no vote creating a tie vote. Motion to advance failed as a tie vote.
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

B. DEPARTMENT INFORMATION AND UPDATES

KEITH WARNKE

DISCUSSION	Keith reported on the current range grant program. He reported that there are 12 to 15 projects completed or ongoing to improve existing ranges and increase public assess on private ranges. The next grant cycle starts in the fall of 2016. He also gave an update on existing range projects which included the Columbia County range, Peshtigo Wildlife area range, Flambeau range, as well as the current status of the McMiller range near Eagle. He also reported on the leasing of Dane County law enforcement range for public use. Pittman Roberts money is available and the state is looking for range improvement projects to help fund.	
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PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	CHOINSKI Question on how to get the process started to obtain Pittman-Roberts money for range development or leasing private for public use. Also, commented on trash being left at un-official shooting sites and on state land. HOUSE Commented on the growth of high school trap teams. Looking for funding alternatives. Suggestions included local business sponsors and possible funding thru the Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation. The state is prohibited from using Pittman-Roberts funds for competitive shooting but grand money is available to help with traps and range improvements on a cost share basis. KIRCHNER Commented that local ranges are only open when range officer is present. No unofficial targets allowed. OSEGARD Commented on local trap shooting. Questioned about getting local activities on D.N.R. shooting range web-site. MIKE FOY D.N.R. Reported that efforts are already underway to deal with the issues on Rock County that were discussed during this teleconference. They are already looking for possible range sites with three possible locations identified
ACTION	

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	Motion to adjourn was made by Brown, 2nd by House. Approved by a voice vote at 8:32 P.M.
SUBMITTED BY	Harold Drake
DATE	December 16, 2015